

Modernizing Commercial Driver Training Across Canada

Across Canada, Class 1/A commercial driver training is evolving toward greater consistency, accessibility and flexibility—while maintaining the rigorous standards needed to prepare safe, skilled drivers. As jurisdictions move toward greater standardization, modern training approaches are helping expand access, address training barriers and strengthen the driver pipeline.

Trucking Keeps Canada Moving

825,400

Canadians employed in trucking & logistics*

344,100

Transport truck drivers working across Canada*



*As of July 2026

But the Driver Pipeline Remains a Challenge



13,780

VACANT TRUCK-DRIVER POSITIONS

A stronger driver pipeline starts with more accessible, consistent pathways to professional Class 1/A driver training.

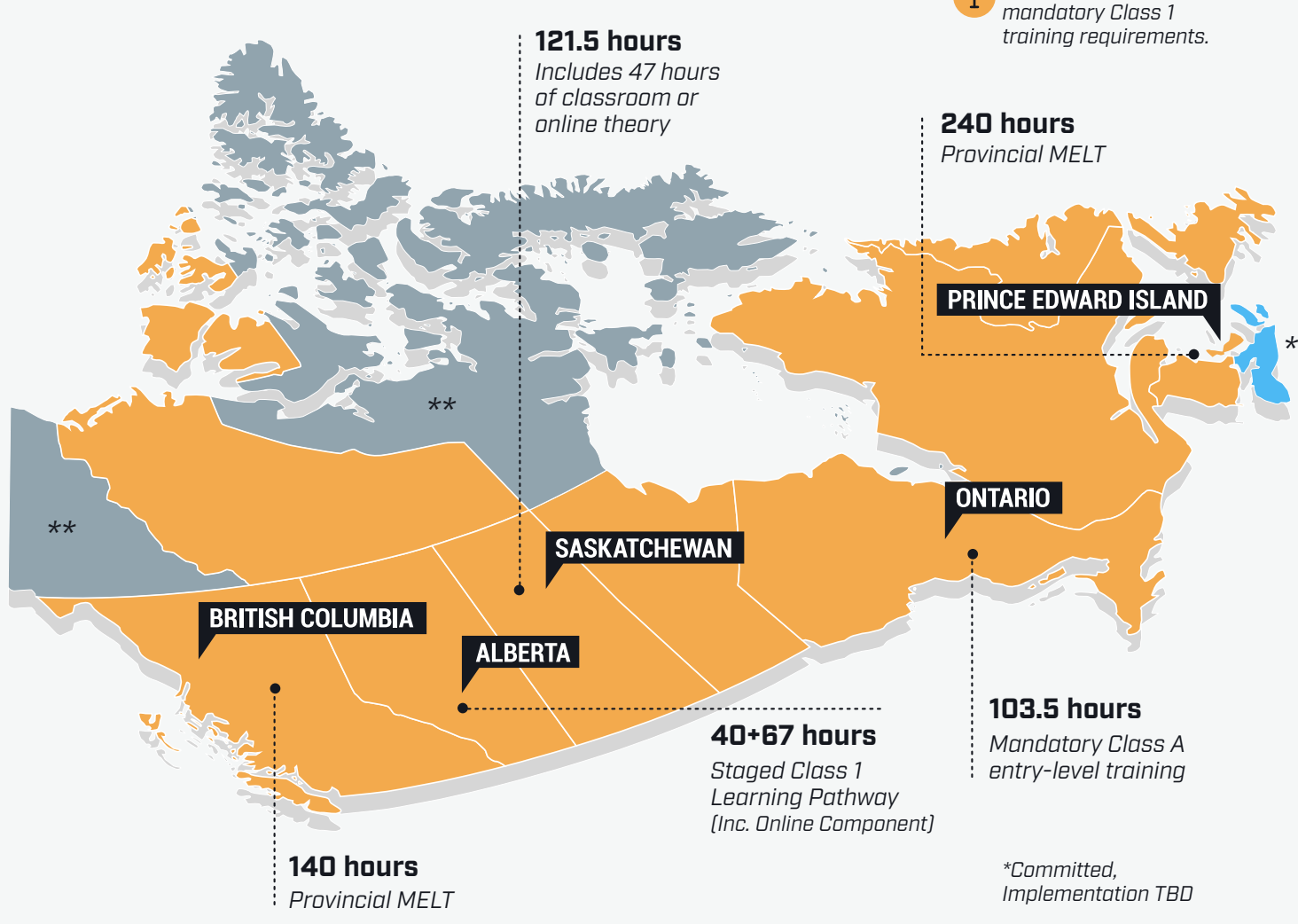


NATIONAL STANDARDS. PROVINCIAL FLEXIBILITY

Canada's NSC Standard 16 provides a common foundation for Class 1 driver training—with flexibility for jurisdictions to adapt curriculum and delivery.

A National Shift Toward Standardized Driver Training

Across Canada, jurisdictions are aligning Class 1 entry-level training with national standards, while retaining flexibility in program requirements, training hours and delivery models.



Beyond standardizing training requirements, jurisdictions are exploring new ways to deliver foundational learning through modern, technology-enabled solutions.

Theory Delivery is Modernizing too

Theory doesn't have to happen only in a classroom. NSC Standard 16 recognizes online and virtual delivery of entry-level theory training, subject to jurisdictional requirements.

Saskatchewan

47 HRS

Classroom or online MELT theory

Alberta

40 HRS

Self-led online Class 1 Entry Program

Online Theory + Hands-On Skills

Expanding access and consistency while preserving essential practical training—creating a more efficient, scalable training model for industry and regulators.



Consistency

Standardized foundational training



Accessibility

Reach rural and remote learners



Flexibility

Learn theory before practical training



Scalability

Support province-wide delivery



Oversight

Track progress, completion and assessment

Modernizing Training. Strengthening Canada's Driver Pipeline

Modern entry-level training can expand access, support consistent standards and help prepare Canada's next generation of commercial drivers.



Greater Training Access



Consistent Delivery



Stronger Driver Pipeline